

Sussex House School

(A company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

Company registration number: 02884794 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number: 1035806 (England and Wales)

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Reference and administrative details of the charitable company, its trustees and advisors

Trustees	J A Crewe J M Elias J Gallant <i>appointed 6 6 2023</i> M A J Goedhuis N P Kaye R T G Winter
Board of Governors	J A Crewe (Chairman) K Brewer J M Elias N M Gayner <i>resigned 30 9 2022</i> J Gallant H Grayson <i>appointed 6 3 2023</i> P D Hargreaves <i>resigned 5 11 2022</i> R T G Winter
Registered Company number	02884794 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity number	1035806 (England and Wales)
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Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees (who are also directors of Sussex House School Limited for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law) present their statutory report, which also represents a directors' report, for the year ended 31 August 2023 under the Companies Act 2006, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association and have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities SORP – Second Edition). The report has been prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

Reference and administrative information

Sussex House School ("the School") is a registered charitable company founded in 1994, charity number 1035806 and company number 02884794. The liability of the members is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £5.

The School has an official Church of England affiliation under the Designation of Schools having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2004.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charitable company is governed by its memorandum and articles of association which were last amended on 10 March 1994.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, who have held office for the whole of the year unless otherwise stated, and to the date of this report, are as follows:

J Crewe

J M Elias

J Gallant *appointed 6 6 2023*

M A J Goedhuis

N P Kaye

R T G Winter

Trustee appointment and training

New trustees will be appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association following lengthy consultation and consideration by the existing trustees who must be satisfied regarding their eligibility. Existing trustees retire by rotation each year.

Any new trustees will receive appropriate induction into the workings of the School, and also of the company as a registered charity. They will also be provided with a memorandum of the legal responsibilities and duties of trustees and are invited to familiarise themselves with CC3 "The Essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do" published by the Charity Commission plus copies of the charitable company's financial statements and minutes of previous Trustees' meetings.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

Organisational management

The Trustees meet at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the charitable company and review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. When determining policies, the Trustees seek input from the Board of Governors which also meets at least three times a year, and is concerned with the running of the school. The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Headmaster and the Staff Senior Management Team.

Objects, aims, objectives and principal activities (including public benefit)

The primary objective of the charitable company, as set out in its memorandum and articles of association, is promoting and providing for the advancement of education of children and adults by the provision of one or more schools, tutorial colleges and other establishments.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and on fee charging when exercising their powers and duties, in particular when setting fees charged by the School and identifying the benefits provided by the charitable company in relation to its aims. The paragraphs below provide more information on the School's charitable activities.

Although the School has an entry test, due to the large number of applications for places, the policy is to measure potential as well as a pupil's current performance so that priority is given to children who will benefit from not only the academic programme on offer at the School, but also the specialities of certain areas of creativity, notably Music, Art and Theatre. The School has never restricted entry to a potential pupil because of the pupil's parents' inability to pay the fees. The geographical location of a pupil's home, their ethnicity, race or existence of a disability are quite irrelevant to the School's selection procedure. Although the School has an official Church of England affiliation, a family or child's religious affiliation is not taken into account when places are offered and boys of all religions and denominations or none are welcomed equally.

Strategic aim and intended effect

The School's strategic aim is to reach its annual objective which is the attainment of the highest academic levels whilst allowing pupils to benefit from the School's extensive extra-curricular programme. This enables the School to develop its pupils' abilities and academic potential, awaken and develop their wider interests in life and prepare them for the senior school of their own and their parents' choice.

Objectives for the year

The Trustees' main objective for the year continued to be to educate all the School's pupils to at least the same high standard achieved by the School in previous years, so that they will fully benefit from their chosen senior school for the completion of their education in due course. The strategy to achieve this is to maintain a high teacher-to-pupil ratio and to tailor the education of each pupil to suit their individual needs. In addition, the Trustees aim to continue providing support in respect of the provision of means tested bursaries and to continue to develop links with the local community and other organisations.

Principal activity

The School continues to operate as a day school for 8-13 year-old boys, educating them to a high standard and so enabling them to move on to a suitable senior school for the completion of their education.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Review of achievements and performance for the year (including public benefit)

Operational performance of the School

With the School calendar firmly back to normal after COVID 19 restrictions, it has been another outstanding year for the School. A record eleven awards were won, including two academic scholarships, five music awards, a Design and Technology Scholarship, an Art Scholarship, a Drama Scholarship and a Sports exhibition.

Bursaries and donations

There were bursaries awarded to 3 pupils for the 2022/23 academic year. The School continues to seek pupils who will benefit from the School's bursary provision, as well as additional sources of bursary funding.

Donations to the Asra Hawariat School Fund, which supports the Asra Hawariat School, Ethiopia arising from funds raised at School events, amounted to £10,932 (2022: £851), and certain parents made donations directly.

Fundraising

The significant majority of the School's donations are raised as a result of the efforts of the School's Activities Committee, which comprises parents of current pupils and School staff. The Christmas Fair and the Summer Auction are the two main events each year which feature fundraising activities. These events are attended by pupils and their families, and donations are from persons with a connection to the School.

Relationships with the Local Community and other organisations

The School is a member of IAPS which acts for the promotion and maintenance of preparatory school standards generally.

The School co-operates with various churches, including St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, and pupils are involved in three concerts a year (two last year) as part of the Music Society Programme of St. Mary Magdalene Church Little Venice, and other local charities and societies. The School is also closely involved with the Asra Hawariat School in Ethiopia to which a proportion of the monies raised from School fundraising is donated each year.

Sussex House has continued to share our curriculum under an initiative of the Board of Governors for Grenfell Response.

The Malcolm Arnold Preparatory Academy

The School is a strategic partner in the development of the Malcolm Arnold Preparatory Academy (part of the Malcom Arnold Academy), which is committed to reflecting aspects of the educational and creative approach of Sussex House School. The school is based in Northampton and Nicholas Kaye our Headmaster, has provided academic consultancy to the school.

Fencing

The School has a strong tradition of achievement in this sport, having produced a number of national champions over the past 20 years, and continues to be extremely popular, with much competition success this year.

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Review of achievements and performance for the year (including public benefit) (continued)

Music

The School contributes to the funding of two major events of the St Mary Magdalene Music Society based at St Mary Magdalene Church, in which the School participates, at a cost of £37,414 (2022: £33,989). Members of the public attend and form part of the Chorus and Orchestra in these events and the large audiences contain many members of the public who have no other association with Sussex House.

Church

Sussex House takes part in various events at its local church, St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, SW3. The School contributed £2,957 (2022: £2,937) towards the upkeep of the church. The School has also maintained its strong link with St Mary Magdalene Church, Rowington Close, Little Venice, W2.

The Asra Hawariat School, Addis Ababa

Sussex House has established a strong link with this school in Addis Ababa. The Asra Hawariat School exists to provide education for just over 1,000 Ethiopian children who would not otherwise have the means to attend school. The school is funded by the Asra Hawariat School Fund based in the UK and no children pay to attend. A generous contribution from funds raised at the Christmas Fair 2022 and Summer Auction 2023 was donated to the Asra Hawariat School Fund, and the fund balance was paid to the charity on 31 October 2023.

The Trustees have continued to review the School's activities including revenue and financial, human and physical resources as part of their duties to monitor and ensure that the School's charitable objects and the public benefit are achieved most effectively.

Related party transactions

N P Kaye is a trustee of both the Asra Hawariat School Fund, which funds the Asra Hawariat school in Addis Ababa, and of St Mary Magdalene Church and the St Mary Magdalene Church Music Society. Details of transactions with these related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Bursary policy

Bursaries are available to those prospective pupils who meet the School's entry requirements, or current pupils, and are made solely on the basis of parental means or to relieve hardship where a pupil's education and future prospects would otherwise be at risk. In assessing means the School takes a number of factors into consideration including family income, investments and savings and family circumstances.

Risk management

The Trustees identify and assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and how these are appropriately managed. The major risks identified being an adverse impact on the reputation of the school, changes to the regulatory, legislative and inspection regime, political and financial risk. To mitigate these risks, among other actions, the Trustees, with assistance from the Governors and the Staff Senior Management Team, ensure that a high quality education is provided, ensure that a robust set of policies, procedures and risk assessments are maintained, develop financial management, monitor the effectiveness of the system of internal controls and other viable means, including insurance cover where appropriate. Trustee Indemnity insurance is in place.

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for the year ended 31 August 2023

Financial review and results for the year

The School's income exceeded expenditure by £471,154 during the year (2022: £435,263), which reflects the ongoing management of income and costs without compromising educational quality. The School received income of £4,892,752 (2022: £4,613,209) during the year as a result of charging for tuition and related activities. This year, the School received donations to the Arts and Sports Fund of £128,570 (2022: £72,681). There were donations of £10,932 (2022: £851) for the Asra Hawariat School. Unrestricted donations totalled £1,332 (2022: £88,189).

Expenditure on School operating costs was £4,514,704 (2022: £4,309,162) with a further £72,498 (2022: £52,949) of expenditure incurred in relation to bursaries and donations.

This year, an additional smart board was purchased for use in the ballroom at a cost of £6,395 which has added to both teaching and extra-curricular flexibility. A new projector was purchased for the Art Room at a cost of £3,696. A new entry management system was purchased at a cost of £9,494 and is in its trial phase. Further improvements were made to the fire alarm system, at a cost of £6,197.

There continues to be a steady number of registrations for future attendance at the School, and a strong demand for places from high calibre academic candidates, based on entrance test results.

Reserves policy

The School's unrestricted funds at the end of the year were £2,417,710 (2022: £2,029,814), and restricted funds were £613,744 (2022: £535,516). Total reserves stand at £3,031,454 (2022: £2,565,330). In a normal year, a total reserve level equivalent to one term's customary expenditure would be a level which the Trustees would consider practicable and achievable on an ongoing basis to cover the customary risks and uncertainties of operating as an independent educational establishment. However, given the prevailing degree of domestic and geo-political, and economic volatility, at the present time, the Trustees consider it prudent to maintain a higher level of reserves to provide a greater degree of financial security for the School during this period of exceptional uncertainty. The Reserves Policy remains subject to ongoing review.

Remuneration Policy

The key management personnel of the School are the Headmaster and the Staff Senior Management Team. Their remuneration is set after appropriate consultation with the Trustees.

Investment policy and objectives

There are no restrictions on the charitable company's absolute powers of investment. The Trustees' policy continues to be to put any surplus cash on a special deposit account. Deposit account interest of £24,770 (2022: £2,444) was received during the year.

Future plans

The main project we aim to progress during the forthcoming year is the potential building of an additional classroom, which will allow for more flexible, multi-purpose use of existing space.

The School's key objectives remain to maintain the number of pupils at the present level and to pursue the same objectives as reported above for this year.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Sussex House School for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees of the charitable company confirms that:

- so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

N P Kaye
Secretary



Date: 30 January 2024

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sussex House School

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sussex House School (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, which includes the Directors' report prepared for company law purposes, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees' were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Discussions with and enquiries of management and those charged with governance were held with a view to identifying those laws and regulations that could be expected to have a material impact on the financial statements. During the engagement team briefing, the outcomes of these discussions and enquiries were shared with the team, as well as

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consideration as to where and how fraud may occur in the entity. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of Sussex House School and its activities, the following laws and regulations were identified as being of significance to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements include UK financial reporting standards (FRS 102), Company Law (Companies Act 2006), Charity Law (Charities Act 2011), the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charity SORP) and Pension legislation.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, child protection and safeguarding, education regulations, data protection, health and safety legislation and employment law.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

WMT.

Elizabeth Wicks
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of WMT
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
4 Beaconsfield Road
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Hertfordshire
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Date: 2 February 2024

Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities:	2						
School fees		4,842,667	—	4,842,667	4,563,982	—	4,563,982
Registration fees		29,200	—	29,200	28,400	—	28,400
Income from generated funds:							
Donations		1,332	139,502	140,834	88,189	93,532	181,721
Interest receivable		24,770	—	24,770	2,444	—	2,444
Other income		20,885	—	20,885	20,827	—	20,827
Total income		4,918,854	139,502	5,058,356	4,703,842	93,532	4,797,374
Expenditure on charitable activities:	3						
- Teaching costs		3,444,144	13,835	3,457,979	3,246,864	18,701	3,265,565
- Premises		554,857	—	554,857	536,254	—	536,254
- Support costs		432,985	—	432,985	410,771	—	410,771
- Depreciation and amortisation		23,801	47,439	71,240	34,426	53,827	88,253
- Bank charges and bad debts		(2,357)	—	(2,357)	8,319	—	8,319
- Bursaries		30,375	—	30,375	3,472	—	3,472
- Donations		42,123	—	42,123	38,686	10,791	49,477
Total expenditure		4,525,928	61,274	4,587,202	4,278,792	83,319	4,362,111
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		392,926	78,228	471,154	425,050	10,213	435,263

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of the financial statements.

Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		392,926	78,228	471,154	425,050	10,213	435,263
Depreciation on revaluation of tangible fixed assets		(5,030)	—	(5,030)	(5,030)	—	(5,030)
Net movement in funds		387,896	78,228	466,124	420,020	10,213	430,233
Fund balances at 1 September		2,029,814	535,516	2,565,330	1,609,794	525,303	2,135,097
Fund balances at 31 August	11,12	2,417,710	613,744	3,031,454	2,029,814	535,516	2,565,330

The net incoming resources for the year derive from the continuing operations of the charitable company.

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of the financial statements.

Balance sheet

for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	6		651,901	681,679
Listed investments	7		124	124
			<u>652,025</u>	<u>681,803</u>
Current assets:				
Debtors	8	142,378		228,142
Cash at bank		3,526,505		2,851,445
		<u>3,668,883</u>		<u>3,079,587</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(985,454)</u>		<u>(896,060)</u>
Net current assets			<u>2,683,429</u>	<u>2,183,527</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			3,335,454	2,865,330
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		(304,000)	(300,000)
Total net assets			<u>3,031,454</u>	<u>2,565,330</u>
Represented by:				
Reserves:				
Restricted funds	11		613,744	535,516
Unrestricted funds	12		2,417,710	2,029,814
Total funds			<u>3,031,454</u>	<u>2,565,330</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Under Companies Act 2006, s454, on a voluntary basis the Trustees can amend these financial statements if they subsequently prove to be defective.

Approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

N P Kaye
Trustee



Date: 30 January 2024

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of the financial statements.

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income for the year	471,154	435,263
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	71,240	88,253
Interest	(24,770)	(2,444)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	85,764	14,662
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	93,394	37,613
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>696,782</u>	<u>573,347</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest	24,770	2,444
Purchase of property, furniture and equipment	(46,492)	(117,184)
Net cash used in investing activities:	<u>(21,722)</u>	<u>(114,740)</u>
Change in cash at bank and in hand in the year	675,060	458,607
Cash at bank and in hand at the beginning of the year	2,851,445	2,392,838
Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year	<u>3,526,505</u>	<u>2,851,445</u>

Changes in net debt

	At	Cash	At
	1 September	Flows	31 August
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>2,851,445</u>	<u>675,060</u>	<u>3,526,505</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of the financial statements.

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

Sussex House School is a public benefit entity under the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – Second Edition and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Income

All income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to the income, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount receivable can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income represents fees charged in respect of tuition, other related activities and registration fees. Fees consist of charges invoiced for the School year ending August 31 for tuition and registration. Fees received for education to be provided in future years are deferred to future periods.

Tuition fee income is invoiced and recognised at the start of the period to which it relates. Charges for other related activities are billed in arrears and recognised as income in the period to which they relate. Income from registration fees and donations is recognised when received. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis for the period to which it relates.

Donations include those amounts donated to specific restricted funds and unrestricted donations along with any tax refund received under Gift Aid. Incoming resources also includes interest receivable and any gains in value of investments.

Expenditure

All expenditure (including irrecoverable VAT) is recognised when a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities costs comprise all operating expenditure incurred to enable the charitable company to fulfil its charitable aims. These include both costs that can be allocated directly, and those of an indirect nature which are necessary to support charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are those incurred in attracting voluntary donations.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	-	over 50 years
Leasehold property and improvements	-	over the lease term
Furniture and equipment	-	over 4-10 years

No depreciation is charged on freehold land.

Listed investments

Listed investments are shown at market value.

Financial instruments

The charitable company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as debtors and creditors.

Financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value. They are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment, and if found, an impairment loss is recognised.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank comprises cash at bank and in hand.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

Deposits

Deposits refundable against final term's fees are treated as a long term liability except to the extent that they are due to be repaid within one year of the balance sheet date in which case they are recorded as a current liability. Forfeited deposits are taken to income.

Pensions

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the Scheme Administrator.

Contributions to the NEST Pension Scheme are at the level required under current workplace pension legislation.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Fund accounting:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise donations given for a specific purpose and their use is therefore subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors.

Expenditure incurred in fulfilling the objective of each fund is charged against the fund balance and deducted from the expenditure category in the charitable company's Statement of Financial Activities. Where the expenditure relates to a fixed asset, an amount is set aside in restricted funds related to that fixed asset and an annual depreciation charge is made against the restricted fund until such time as that asset is fully depreciated.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company.

Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for income and expenditure during the year. The nature of estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. There are no judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties regarding going concern.

2 Income

Income represents fees charged in respect of tuition, other related activities and registration fees. Donations include those amounts donated to specific restricted funds and unrestricted donations along with any tax refund received under Gift Aid. Incoming resources also includes interest receivable and any gains in value of investments.

Tuition fee income is invoiced and recognised at the start of the period to which it relates. Charges for other related activities are billed in arrears and recognised as income in the period to which they relate. Income from registration fees and donations is recognised when received. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis for the period to which it relates.

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2 Income (continued)

The donations received during the year comprised:

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Arts and Sports Fund	128,570	—	128,570	72,681
Asra Hawariat School Fund	10,932	—	10,932	851
Music and Theatre Fund	—	—	—	—
Bursary Fund	—	—	—	20,000
Other	—	1,332	1,332	88,189
	<u>139,502</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>140,834</u>	<u>181,721</u>

3 Expenditure

(a) This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs (note 4)	2,991,884	2,845,780
Governance costs – Auditor’s remuneration	10,620	9,500
– other governance costs	208	196
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	71,240	88,253
Operating lease rentals – plant and equipment	2,481	2,838
– land and buildings	325,245	308,198

(b) Remuneration of trustees

No trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2022: £nil). No trustee received any reimbursement of expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

Mr N P Kaye, who is a trustee is also the school’s headmaster and his remuneration under his contract of employment as Headmaster (excluding pension contributions) including benefits, was £152,316 (2022: £145,246) and is included in the staff costs. In addition, the School has made employer contributions to the Government’s Teachers’ Pension Defined Benefits Scheme (note 14) for the benefit of Mr N P Kaye of £24,137 (2022: £30,650).

(c) Indemnity insurance

The School has purchased indemnity insurance to indemnify the School for up to £1,000,000 from loss arising from the neglect or default of its trustees, employees or agents and to indemnify the Trustees or other officers against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part at a cost of £208 (2022: £196).

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3 Expenditure (continued)

(d) Support Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	233,076	275,053
Computer costs	85,842	77,234
Insurance (non-buildings)	25,200	23,672
Other support costs	139,267	34,812
	<u>432,985</u>	<u>410,771</u>

4 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,372,297	2,263,165
Social security costs	268,962	262,720
Other pension costs (note 14)	350,625	319,895
	<u>2,991,884</u>	<u>2,845,780</u>

Of the above £2,758,808 (2022: £2,570,727) is included in teaching costs and £233,076 (2022: £275,053) is included in support costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	FTE	No.	FTE	No.
Teaching staff	37	47	37	48
Administration	5	7	5	6
	<u>42</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>54</u>

Ex-gratia payments totalling £30,000 (2022: £2,000) were paid to staff leaving during the year. A termination payment of £14,400 (2022: nil) was made during the year.

The total of key management personnel compensation was £965,167 (2022: £960,325).

The number of employees whose remuneration exceeded £60,000 and to whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined benefit schemes (note 14) are set out below:

	2023	2022
	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	4	7
£70,001 - £80,000	3	1
£80,001 - £90,000	3	2
£90,001 - £100,000	2	1
£100,001 - £110,000	-	1
£140,001 - £150,000	-	1
£150,001 - £160,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Taxation

The School is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax or income or gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
Cost/valuation:				
At 1 September 2022	950,827	515,892	894,650	2,361,369
Additions	—	5,486	41,006	46,492
Disposals	—	—	—	—
At 31 August 2023	<u>950,827</u>	<u>521,378</u>	<u>935,656</u>	<u>2,407,861</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 September 2022	411,994	433,435	834,261	1,679,690
Provided during the year	10,344	33,887	32,039	76,270
Disposals	—	—	—	—
At 31 August 2023	<u>422,338</u>	<u>467,322</u>	<u>866,300</u>	<u>1,755,960</u>
Net book value:				
At 31 August 2023	<u>528,489</u>	<u>54,056</u>	<u>69,356</u>	<u>651,901</u>
At 1 September 2022	<u>538,833</u>	<u>82,457</u>	<u>60,389</u>	<u>681,679</u>

All fixed assets owned are used for direct charitable purposes.

The charitable company has adopted a policy of not revaluing its tangible fixed assets. The book value of freehold land and buildings is based on a valuation by Gerald Eve, Chartered Surveyors on November 26 1999 at open market value in accordance with The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Appraisal and Valuation Manual. This valuation of £700,000 has been incorporated in these financial statements with subsequent additions being included at cost.

The historical cost of freehold land and buildings included above at a valuation of £950,827 was £699,305 and the aggregate depreciation thereon would be £318,513.

7 Listed investments

The charitable company holds 372 shares in Lloyds Banking Group plc (2022: 372 shares) which is recorded at its market value of £124 on 31 August 2023 (2022: £124).

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8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees receivable	48,148	57,350
Prepayments and accrued income	94,230	170,792
Other debtors	—	—
	<u>142,378</u>	<u>228,142</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Deposits refundable within one year	72,000	74,000
Payments for school fees received in advance	663,376	585,160
Expense creditors	29,482	109,755
Taxation and social security costs	69,613	62,096
Other creditors	40,086	37,546
Accruals	110,897	27,503
	<u>985,454</u>	<u>896,060</u>

Payments for school fees received in advance of £663,376 (2022: 585,160) represents fees which are received before the start of the term to which they relate, i.e. fees for the Michaelmas Term which are received during the preceding summer holiday period. These amounts are recognised as income at the start of the term to which they relate. All opening amounts have been released at the start of the next term.

Other creditors includes an amount of £38,521 (2022: £37,824) in respect of contributions due to pension schemes.

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
School fee deposits	<u>304,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

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11 Restricted funds

(a) The income funds of the School include restricted funds comprising the following balances:

	Capital Expenditure fund £	Arts and Sports fund £	Asra Hawariat School fund £	Music and Theatre fund £	Technology Fund £	Bursary Fund £	Total £
At 1 September 2022	62,921	439,280	—	4,665	8,650	20,000	535,516
Incoming resources:							
Donations received	—	128,570	10,932	—	—	—	139,502
Resources expended:							
Capital expenditure	6,395	—	—	—	(6,395)	—	—
Depreciation	(47,439)	—	—	—	—	—	(47,439)
School activities	—	(13,835)	—	—	—	—	(13,835)
Asra Hawariat School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
At 31 August 2023	<u>21,877</u>	<u>554,015</u>	<u>10,932</u>	<u>4,665</u>	<u>2,255</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>613,744</u>

	Capital Expenditure fund £	Arts and Sports fund £	Asra Hawariat School fund £	Music and Theatre fund £	Technology Fund £	Bursary Fund £	Total £
At 1 September 2021	103,045	385,300	9,940	6,980	20,038	—	525,303
Incoming resources:							
Donations received	—	72,681	851	—	—	20,000	93,532
Resources expended:							
Capital expenditure	13,703	—	—	(2,315)	(11,388)	—	—
Depreciation	(53,827)	—	—	—	—	—	(53,827)
School activities	—	(18,701)	—	—	—	—	(18,701)
Asra Hawariat School	—	—	(9,191)	—	—	—	(9,191)
Ethiopia	—	—	(1,600)	—	—	—	(1,600)
Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
At 31 August 2022	<u>62,921</u>	<u>439,280</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,665</u>	<u>8,650</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>535,516</u>

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11 Restricted funds continued

- b) The Capital Expenditure Fund represents amounts used to purchase fixed assets for the School, from funds raised specifically for such a purpose, and also the annual depreciation charge each year on those assets.

The Arts and Sports Fund has been used partly to fund fixed assets in the past but is also to maintain and develop the School's creative, musical, theatrical and sporting activities, with the majority of its funds being generated by the School's Christmas Fair and Summer Auction. We continue to actively seek a candidate whose circumstances meet the specific conditions of the Bursary Fund gift.

Further music and drama resources will be funded from the Music and Theatre Fund, and improvements to our ICT provision will continue.

The School also operates a fund to support the Asra Hawariat School.

12 Unrestricted funds

These funds comprise:

	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation reserve	147,694	152,724
Accumulated surplus	<u>2,270,016</u>	<u>1,877,090</u>
	<u>2,417,710</u>	<u>2,029,814</u>

The revaluation reserve arose on the revaluation of the freehold land and buildings in 1999, less the depreciation released to the Statement of financial activities.

The remaining unrestricted resources arise principally from the School's day-to-day operations.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

The fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed assets	21,877	630,148	652,025	62,921	618,882	681,803
Current assets	591,867	3,077,016	3,668,883	472,595	2,606,992	3,079,587
Current liabilities	—	(985,454)	(985,454)	—	(896,060)	(896,060)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	—	(304,000)	(304,000)	—	(300,000)	(300,000)
Total net assets	<u>613,744</u>	<u>2,417,710</u>	<u>3,031,454</u>	<u>535,516</u>	<u>2,029,814</u>	<u>2,565,330</u>

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Unrealised gains at 31 August 2023 are represented by:

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
At 1 September	—	152,724	152,724	—	157,754	157,754
Realised in the year	—	(5,030)	(5,030)	—	(5,030)	(5,030)
At 31 August	—	147,694	147,694	—	152,724	152,724

14 Pensions

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £330,758 (2022: £297,843) and at the year end £36,609 (2022: £35,432) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared at 31 March 2020 and the Valuation Report was published in October 2023.

Following the McCloud judgement, the remedy proposed was that when benefits become payable, eligible members can select to receive them from either the reformed or legacy schemes for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2022. The actuaries have assumed that members are likely to choose the option that provides them with the greater benefits, and in preparing the 2020 valuation have valued the 'greater value' benefits for groups of relevant members.

The valuation confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 23.6% to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 28.68%.

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14 Pensions (continued)

Teachers' Pensions (continued)

Under the definitions set out in section 17 of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The charitable company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly, it has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The charitable company has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Other Pensions

Pension contributions are also paid to a contributory pension scheme for the benefit of non-teaching staff. In May 2015 the School started its auto-enrolment pension scheme with NEST for the benefit of all non-teaching staff. The assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the School in independently administered funds.

All pension contribution costs are recognised in the statement of financial activities as they become payable. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to NEST of £19,867 (2022: £22,052) and at the year end the amount due to the scheme was £1,902 (2022: £2,192). The statutory minimum contribution level increased in April 2019.

15 Capital commitments

There were capital commitments for items contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounting to £nil (2022: £nil).

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16 Other financial commitments

The future minimum lease payments due to the end of the relevant leases are as follows:

	Plant and Equipment 2023	Plant and Equipment 2022	Land and buildings 2023	Land and buildings 2022
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases payments due:				
Within one year	2,220	631	290,057	199,260
Between 2 and 5 years	6,982	2,050	1,265,000	—
Greater than 5 years	—	—	1,520,000	—
	9,202	2,681	3,075,057	199,260

17 Financial Instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets that are debt instruments	61,077	76,012
Financial liabilities	545,845	539,304

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise fees receivable, accrued income and other debtors.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise deposits, expense creditors, pension contributions and expense accruals.

18 Related party transactions

N P Kaye is a trustee of the St Mary Magdalene Church, and the St Mary Magdalene Music Society which organises an annual series of recitals and concerts at St Mary Magdalene Church, Rowington Close, Little Venice, London W2. The School supports this programme and the School's pupils, parents and staff usually participate in two concerts a year which are supported by the charitable company but are also open to the general public. During the year the charitable company incurred expenditure of £43,333 (2022: £44,749) and received contributions of £5,000 (2022: £9,000) from the St Mary Magdalene Music Society towards this expenditure.

N P Kaye is a trustee of the Asra Hawariat School Fund. Donations from Sussex House fundraising activities amounting to £nil (2022: £9,191) were made to the Asra Hawariat charitable Fund. The balance of funds for the Asra Hawariat School (note 11) were paid to the charity on 31 October 2023.

There were no donations to the charitable company from the Trustees.

19 Limitation of liability

The members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £5 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of a winding up.